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# **NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY**



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### **NORTH DAKOTA**

**(North Dakota) 3,000 barrels of brine spills on Fort Berthold reservation.** The North Dakota Industrial Commission and the State Department of Health announced August 25 that an Arrow Water LLC-owned pipeline near the town of Mandaree on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation leaked 3,000 barrels of brine August 22. Authorities isolated the spill and cleanup efforts were underway.

[http://bismarcktribune.com/bakken/barrels-of-brine-spills-on-north-dakota-reservation/article\\_e44f74fe-2c91-11e4-8281-001a4bcf887a.html](http://bismarcktribune.com/bakken/barrels-of-brine-spills-on-north-dakota-reservation/article_e44f74fe-2c91-11e4-8281-001a4bcf887a.html)

**(Tioga) Gas processing plant operational.** Oklahoma-based Oneok Partners is increasing its natural gas processing capacity in the western North Dakota oil patch. The Garden Creek II plant in eastern McKenzie County is now operational and capable of processing 100 million cubic feet of natural gas daily, the company said in a statement Tuesday. It cost more than \$300 million to build.

[http://bismarcktribune.com/bakken/gas-processing-plant-operational/article\\_2a58c786-2e02-11e4-a4d0-001a4bcf887a.html](http://bismarcktribune.com/bakken/gas-processing-plant-operational/article_2a58c786-2e02-11e4-a4d0-001a4bcf887a.html)

### **REGIONAL**

**(Montana) Refinery employees, city firefighters treated for chemical exposure.**

A Great Falls firefighter and two Calumet Refinery employees were transported to an area hospital August 27 due to low-level exposure to hydrogen sulfide at the Montana refinery. The hydrogen sulfide was confined to the property and officials stated that the public was not at risk for exposure.

<http://www.greatfalls Tribune.com/story/news/local/2014/08/28/refinery-employees-city-firefighters-treated-chemical-exposure/14741505/>

### **NATIONAL**

**(National) Ground system for weather satellites contains thousands of 'high-risk' bugs.** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) was urged by the U.S. Department of Commerce Office of Inspector General in an August 21 memo to quickly patch several high-risk vulnerabilities in the Joint Polar Satellite System (JPSS) ground system after an audit found 23,868 vulnerabilities in the JPSS ground system for the second quarter of the fiscal year 2014. NOAA initiated a system update process in order to patch the vulnerabilities.

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<http://www.scmagazine.com/ground-system-for-weather-satellites-contains-thousands-of-high-risk-bugs/article/368479/>

**(National) Rep. Cramer claims EPA is keeping secret maps.** North Dakota's lone member of the House of Representatives is accusing a government agency of keeping secret maps of wetlands and waters with no intention of releasing them to the public. Cramer claims the maps, compiled by the EPA, could be used to determine what waters would fall under the proposed Waters of the U.S. rule change to the Clean Water Act. <http://www.inforum.com/content/rep-cramer-claims-epa-keeping-secret-maps>

**(National) As rail jam persists, U.S. power plants rush to roads and rivers.** U.S. coal-burning power utilities are being forced to turn to barges and more expensive trucks to move coal, desperate to shore up stockpiles left dangerously low by the widespread bottlenecks on rail networks. <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/08/28/utilities-railways-idUSL4N0QL49320140828>

## INTERNATIONAL

**(International) China's Cyber Attacks Tied to U.S. Companies, Contractors and Gov't Systems.** U.S.-China tensions have risen recently over suspicions of Chinese nationals infiltrating U.S. company computer systems. In late May, the U.S. Justice Department accused five Chinese military officers of allegedly hacking several U.S. companies, marking the first time the Obama administration has publicly accused China of cyber spying. *A roundup of some of the most notable cyber attacks tied to China from the last several years.* <http://www.propublica.org/article/chinas-cyber-attacks-tied-to-u.s.-companies-contractors-and-govt-systems>

**(International) CDC Chief: Ebola Has 'Upper Hand'.** Ebola still has the "upper hand" in the outbreak that has killed more than 1,400 people in West Africa, but experts have the means to stop it, a top American health official said during a visit to the hardest-hit countries. <http://www.newsmax.com/Newsfront/Ebola-upper-hand/2014/08/26/id/591037/>

**(International) FBI, Secret Service studying 'scope' of reported bank cyberattacks.** A spokesperson for the FBI stated August 27 that the FBI and U.S.

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Secret Service are investigating to determine the scope of recently reported cyberattacks against several major U.S. financial services institutions.

<http://www.networkworld.com/article/2599961/fbi-secret-service-studying-scope-of-reported-bank-cyberattacks.html>

**(International) Dairy Queen confirms breach of payment systems.** Dairy Queen officials confirmed that systems in a limited number of stores were infected with Backoff point-of-sale (PoS) malware, and customers' personal information, including payment card information, may have been exposed.

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/Dairy-Queen-Confirms-Breach-of-Payment-Systems-456832.shtml>

### **BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY**

**(Texas) Capital One bank investigator now bank suspect.** The FBI and Tyler, Texas police arrested the corporate security consultant of a Capital One bank branch August 26 for allegedly robbing bank workers outside the bank August 11, stealing two bags of money. <http://www.cbs19.tv/story/26371882/sources-tyler-capital-one-bank-robbery-suspect-arrested>

### **CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR**

Nothing Significant to Report

### **COMMERCIAL FACILITIES**

**(California) Strong California quake causes injuries, damage.** A magnitude-6.0 – 6.1 earthquake dubbed the South Napa Earthquake struck August 24, damaging several commercial and government buildings, sparking a fire in a mobile home park, damaging vineyards, causing dozens of water main leaks, and leaving more than 15,000 customers without power in Napa, Sonoma, and Santa Rosa Counties. At least 120 individuals were treated for injuries, and Napa Valley Unified School District schools were closed August 25.

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/northern-california-cleaning-strongest-earthquake-25-years/story?id=25110109>

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**(International) Backoff PoS malware impacts more than 1,000 businesses.** The U.S. Department of Homeland Security issued an advisory August 22 encouraging retailers to evaluate their payment systems to determine if their assets may be vulnerable or compromised by a recently discovered point of sale (PoS) malware dubbed BackOff which is believed to have affected over 1,000 businesses since October 2013. The malware was recently leveraged to attack United Parcel Service (UPS) systems in 51 locations across the U.S.

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/Backoff-PoS-Malware-Impacts-More-than-1-000-Businesses-456106.shtml>

### **COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR**

Nothing Significant to Report

### **CRITICAL MANUFACTURING**

**(Illinois) Two killed, one injured in Granite City recycling plant explosion.** An explosion caused by a mortar round detonating killed two people and injured one other at Totall Metal Recycling in Granite City August 25. Explosives response personnel from Illinois and Missouri responded, as well as federal agencies to secure the facility following the explosion. <http://fox2now.com/2014/08/25/2-killed-following-plant-explosion-granite-city/>

**(International) HP recalls 6M laptop power cords that can pose fire hazards.** Hewlett-Packard announced a recall of over 6 million LS-15 AC power cords used with HP and Compaq branded laptops due to the potential for the power cords to overheat, melt, and pose a fire or burn hazard. The recall covers around 5.6 million units in the U.S. and 446,000 in Canada.

<http://www.computerworld.com/article/2599124/computers-all/hp-recalls-6m-laptop-power-cords-that-can-pose-fire-hazards.html>

### **DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR**

Nothing Significant to Report

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### **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**(Utah) Some stolen police equipment recovered.** Two people were arrested after stealing \$10,000 worth of SWAT uniforms, ammunition, weapons, and other police equipment August 22 from an undercover Heber City Police Department detective's car. [http://www.ksl.com/?sid=31282313&nid=148&fm=latest\\_videos](http://www.ksl.com/?sid=31282313&nid=148&fm=latest_videos)

**(New York) NYPD cop faces jail time for credit card scams, taking payoffs from identity thief.** A New York Police Department (NYPD) officer pleaded guilty to taking payoffs from an identity thief in return for assisting him in payment card fraud by giving the fraudster a fake driver's license and providing him with NYPD records containing personal information. <http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/nyc-crime/nypd-faces-17-years-prison-credit-card-scams-article-1.1914010>

### **ENERGY**

**(New York) Man indicted in fatal NYSEG power station break-in.** A Silver Springs, New York man was indicted August 21 for allegedly participating in a break-in at a NYSEG power plant July 10 where one man was killed attempting to steal copper wire. The indicted man was charged for allegedly causing \$120,500 in damage to NYSEG equipment and for related charges. [http://www.thedailynewsonline.com/news/article\\_43703ca2-2a35-11e4-a011-001a4bcf887a.html](http://www.thedailynewsonline.com/news/article_43703ca2-2a35-11e4-a011-001a4bcf887a.html)

**(Indiana) Explosion at BP refinery in Whiting shakes surrounding area.** One employee was taken to an area hospital as a precaution after an August 27 operational explosion on a process unit on the north end of the BP Whiting, Indiana refinery. <http://chicago.cbslocal.com/2014/08/27/explosion-at-bp-refinery-in-whiting-shakes-surrounding-area/>

### **FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

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### **GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)**

**(Virginia) Army: Shooter at Fort Lee was soldier who shot self.** U.S. Army officials briefly placed its Fort Lee base near Richmond on lockdown August 25 after an active-duty soldier reportedly barricaded herself inside an office of the Army's Combined Arms Support Command headquarters before turning a weapon on herself in an attempted suicide.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2014/08/25/shooter-fort-lee-richmond/14557881/>

**(Georgia) Crooks swipe nearly 100 laptops worth more than \$200k from Atlanta school.** Police in Atlanta are searching for a group of men who broke into Brown Middle School and stole 91 desktop computers and laptops worth over \$200,000 August 17. Authorities released security video August 25 showing four young men walking out with several laptops. <http://www.cbs46.com/story/26362906/crooks-swipe-100-laptops-from-atlanta-school>

**(Pennsylvania) Thief nabs \$27K of fuel from school bus company, clogs ignitions.** Pennsylvania State Police are investigating after vandals caulked the ignition switches of 20 school buses and offloaded 9,000 gallons of diesel from a fuel tank at the AJ Myers & Sons school bus company facility in Latrobe between August 22 and August 24. Crews worked to clean the clogged ignition switches so the buses could be used for transporting students August 25.

<http://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2014/08/25/thief-nabs-27k-of-fuel-from-school-bus-company-clogs-ignitions>

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**(International) 470 million sites exist for 24 hours, 22% are malicious.** Blue Coat researchers reported the results of an analysis of over 660 million unique hostnames requested by users and found that 71 percent of hostnames were sites that appeared for only 1 day, with around 22 percent found to be malicious sites used in short-lived attacks or botnet management. The largest number of 1-day sites were legitimate sites used by major online organizations.

<http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=17297>

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**(International) Malvertising hits high-profile websites, Java, deviantART, TMZ, Photobucket.** Researchers at Fox-IT identified a malvertising campaign that used ads on popular Web sites such as those belonging to Java, deviantART, Photobucket, TMZ, and others to expose users with outdated Java, Flash Player, and Silverlight versions to compromise using the Angler exploit kit. The ads ran between August 19 and August 23 and did not require users to click on them in order to attempt to drop the Rerdom trojan.

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/Malvertising-Hits-High-Profile-Websites-Java-deviantART-TMZ-Photobucket-456663.shtml>

**(International) KER-CHING! CryptoWall ransomware scam rakes in \$1 MEEELLION.** Dell SecureWorks researchers published an analysis of the CryptoWall ransomware and found that it continues to be the largest ransomware threat, extorting at least \$1 million from victims. The researchers detected around 625,000 systems infected with the ransomware between mid-March and late August, encrypting over 5.25 billion files, among other findings.

[http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/08/29/cryptowall\\_analysis/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/08/29/cryptowall_analysis/)

## PUBLIC HEALTH

Nothing Significant to Report

## TRANSPORTATION

**(Massachusetts) Another plane diverts over reclining seat dispute.** An American Airlines flight from Miami to Paris, France, diverted to Boston's Logan Airport August 27 after a dispute between two passengers and a flight attendant that resulted in one passenger being subdued and handcuffed by two plain-clothes Federal Air Marshals during the flight.

<http://www.wusa9.com/story/news/nation/2014/08/29/reclined-seat-dispute-diverts-flight-boston/14790979/>

## WATER AND DAMS

**(Pennsylvania) Online list IDs Pa. water wells harmed by drilling.** The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection released details of 243 incidents where natural gas drilling operations contaminated private drinking

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water wells, with most cases occurring in northeastern counties. Impacts on wells included methane gas contamination, dry wells, wastewater or pollutant spills, or other issues that rendered wells undrinkable.

<http://www.pressconnects.com/story/news/local/pennsylvania/2014/08/29/gas-drilling-water-contamination/14792457/>

### **NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS**

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center:** 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: [ndslic@nd.gov](mailto:ndslic@nd.gov); Fax: 701-328-8175 **State Radio:** 800-472-2121; **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI):** 701-328-5500; **North Dakota Highway Patrol:** 701-328-2455; **US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst:** 701-297-7400; **Bismarck FBI:** 701-223-4875; **Fargo FBI:** 701-232-7241.

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